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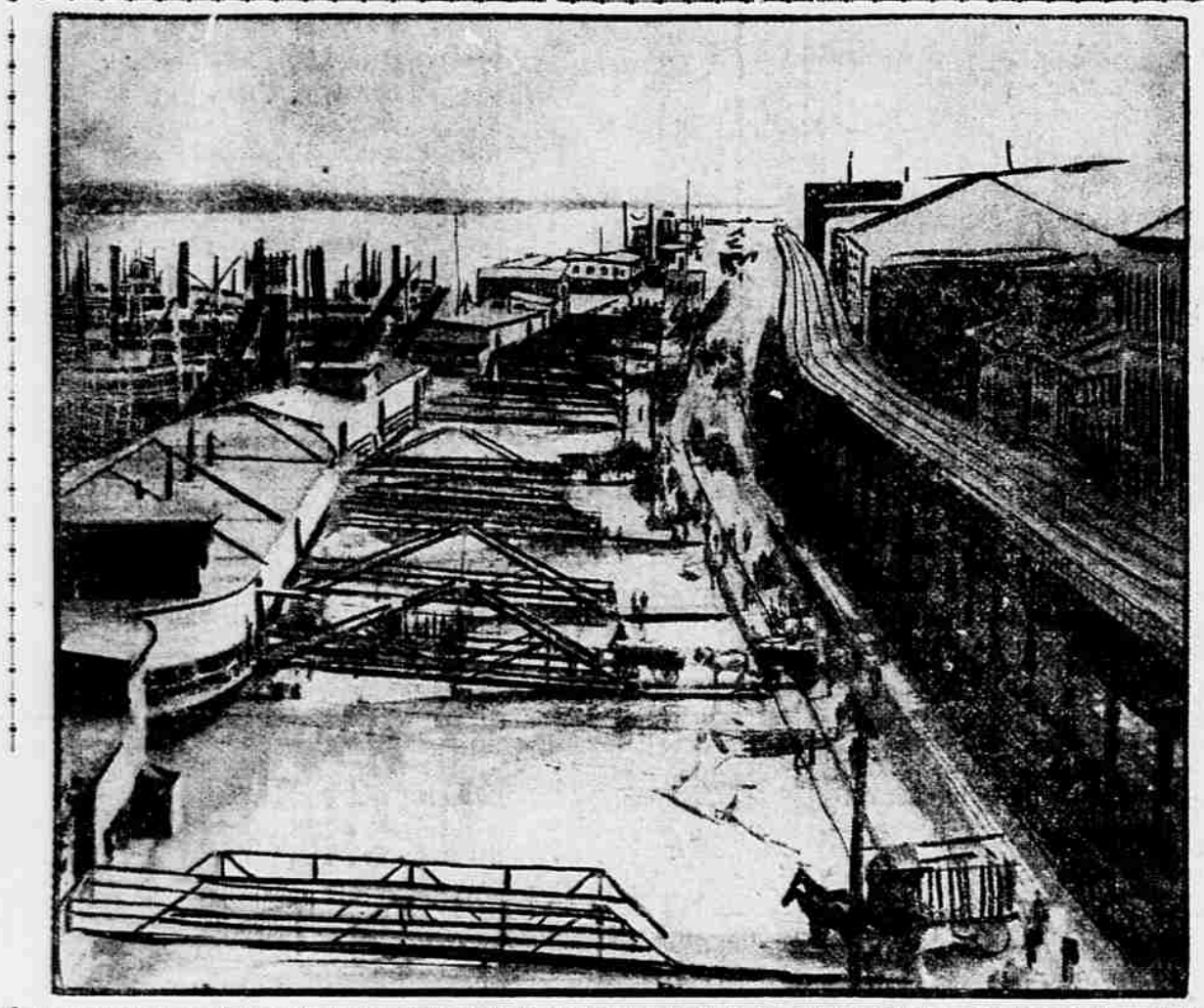
NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1903.

PRICE

In St. Louis, One Cent.  
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On Trains, Three Cents.

## WATER FRONT MOVES FIFTY FEET WESTWARD.



LEVEE LOOKING SOUTH FROM THE EADS BRIDGE. THE WHARFBOATS ARE ANCHORED FIFTY FEET NEARER SHORE THAN UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS.

## FLOOD MAY CHANGE ENTIRE TOPOGRAPHY OF KANSAS CITY BOTTOMS.

Kaw River Recedes, but Missouri Is Still Rising and the Two Streams May Change Channels—Latest Estimates of Number of Lives Lost Is 200 and the Property Damage \$25,000,000—City Able to Care for Its Own—Officials Do Not Fear Famine.

### WATER, LIGHT AND TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS IMPROVED.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.  
Kansas City, Mo., June 2.—Many of its people dead, thousands of them homeless, with one-half its acreage beneath a restless torrent, its business interrupted, its public-service facilities crippled, Kansas City and its sister town across the foaming Kaw had this encouragement to-day—the crest of the flood was reached.  
Yet this realization only brought home the more distinctly an appreciation of the tremendous losses, of the terrific blow which the waters have dealt.  
Now, the calamity wrought by the mill-race flow of a gigantic tide through the commercial artery of the metropolis of the valley of the Kaw can be understood.  
The more information concerning the damage by the flood the more appalling does the disaster become, the more clearly is perceived what the city faces and what a great work that of restoration will be.  
And the havoc is not yet over. The crest is reached, not passed. The Kaw still pours through the west bottoms, through Armourdale, through Argentine, through the low-lying edges of Wyandotte; and from the east and west sides it is seen that the foundations of buildings are weakening and that the course of the river threatens to change.

### Kaw Falls, Missouri Rises; Volume of Water Unchanged.

The Kaw is falling, but the Missouri is rising, so that the joint volume of their waters remains stationary and rushes down upon the east bottoms and all the lands east of Kansas City, a warning to all within possible reach between here and St. Louis.  
The conduct of the current of both rivers to-day is more alarming. Assistant United States Engineer B. F. Smith, who ventured to the north bank via the Hannibal bridge, is of the belief that an entire change of the Missouri's course is likely. The same has already been noted of the Kaw.

Miles over the lowlands the Burlington's 30-foot embankment from the Clay County hills connects with the bridge. This approach to the river is washed away for a hundred yards well over toward the bluff, and is spanned only by the rails held together by the fish-plates. In great billows the current of the Missouri River is washing the bluffs.

### Homes of 600 Persons at Harlem Have Disappeared.

Near the cut in the approach the course of the river swings in and races through the opening with the noise of a tornado. This condition has wiped out Harlem, the town of 600 population which until Sunday existed upon these low lands. All houses but six are washed away, and these are going. The rise was slow here and the warning adequate, and no lives are known to have been lost.

The Kaw's performances to-day are yet more startling. Its current is cutting into the bluff directly at Union Station. Where Sunday morning the last trains discharged their passengers the stream appears to be routing out a new bed. Cars are toppling over on their sides, showing that the ground beneath is sinking away. The one-time platforms are loosened and floating. The current is charging through such openings as it finds with fearful force.

Hence the possibility that, among the other things which a final reckoning with the flood will leave, Kansas City's place upon the map will be changed. Then the Hannibal bridge would cross the Kaw, not the Missouri River, and the entire topography of the territory contiguous to Kansas City would be new and strange.

### Ghostly Nights seen by Patrol on Elevated Tracks.

An accurate estimate of the loss of life is impossible. Evidence shows that it is great and warrants the belief that in the small settlements near the river's course just above Argentine, in the east bottoms, and in Kansas City, Kas., the number of victims will exceed 200.

Policemen, street car men and others who have patrolled the remnant of the elevated tracks across the bottoms report having seen in the seething water below many a ghostly dead face. An arm or a hand bolts up for a second, or the current churns the entire body to the surface.

The corpses may have come from far up the river, possibly as far as Topeka, but the definite reports of persons missing or seen to be whirled into the flood indicate that in and near Kansas City death has reaped a startling harvest.

### Viaduct Endangered by Pressure of Wreckage.

From this "L" viaduct, as upon the Hannibal bridge, so far as the Missouri side is concerned, the destruction wrought by the Kaw best be viewed. Going down the cable incline to Union Station can be seen the tendency of the flood to curl toward the bluffs upon which the chief part of Kansas City proper perches. Along what was the railroad yards it rages, seething into whirlpools at every obstruction.

Down a little farther, upon the "L," the water pours from out of the rear doors and windows of the buildings, often rending the walls. Entering at the lower front doors, it finds its flow curbed in the rear, and from the lower windows of well-built structures shoot waterfalls of sufficient power to run a mill.

Still farther out at Santa Fe avenue and at Mulberry street the scene is yet wilder. Houses, wrenched from their sites, six and eight together, are piled up against one support of the viaduct. The latter is in danger and the police and "L" employees are endeavoring to remove the obstructions.

### Bridge Anchored by Ten Big Locomotives.

Looking upstream from the "L" can be seen the only bridge across the Kaw that stands. The Missouri Pacific weighted it down with ten locomotives. The engines did the work; they anchored the bridge, but all that can be seen is the top girders of the spans and the smokestacks of the ten locomotives. The current is beating against them, but it is believed that, having stood thus far, they will remain.

This bridge of the Missouri Pacific is the structure.

### Society Women Help Care for the Injured.

Kansas City is not soliciting aid. The citizens are working with feverish energy to remedy the immediate suffering. Convention Hall is the center of relief operations on the Kansas City side. Two hundred sick and many destitute are there. Almost as many of the society ladies of Kansas City are serving their needs.

All about on the main floor are cots on which rest the afflicted. Over them bend the volunteer nurses, administering food, drink and complying with the prescriptions of the corps of physicians. The sufferers are of every kind, all classes of men, women and children. All are treated alike.

The relief fund had swelled to about \$25,000 to-day. The figures are not absolutely accurate, as the money is coming in through various sources, and perhaps some

## COUNCIL FORWARDS LOOP BILL TO HOUSE

President Hornsby's Amendment Calling for Annual Payment to City Is Defeated.

### VOTE STANDS SEVEN TO THREE.

Measure, After Its Passage by the Upper Body, Receives Its First Reading Before the Delegates.

Council bill No. 12, known as the Terminal loop bill, was passed by the City Council yesterday afternoon after Mr. Gibson's amendment providing that the tracks might be used by electric lines had been withdrawn.

The vote stood, Ayes—Boyer, Davis, Gardner, Markham, Morton, Rolfe, Sheehan, Nays—Gibson, Marks and President Hornsby. Absent—Lawlor, Newell, Spieglehaier.

Mr. Hornsby's amendment, which provided that the tracks might be used by electric lines had been withdrawn.

The vote by which the bill was referred to the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills at the last meeting was reconsidered, the amendment stricken out and the bill then returned to the committee, which reported it ready for passage.

Another report was made to attach an amendment, providing for a monetary compensation, before the final vote was taken, but it failed of adoption by the same vote by which the bill was passed.

President Hornsby called Mr. Markham to the chair and introduced an amendment stipulating that the Terminal Association pay the city \$20,000 a year during the life of the franchise.

This differed from the amendment offered by Mr. Gibson at the last session of the Council, in that the amount is the same each year instead of being graduated from year to year.

Mr. Sheehan offered an amendment to Mr. Hornsby's amendment, substituting \$5,000 for \$20,000. This motion did not receive a second and the chair declared that it was not before the body.

NO ANNUAL PAYMENTS.  
It is thought that this \$5,000 amendment would have passed the Council had it received a second, but the majority would not make any further advances along that line.

There was a motion to amend the bill so that it should be a bill for the purpose of amending the charter, but it failed of adoption by the same vote by which the bill was passed.

The bill was sent to the House with the report that it had been passed by the Council.

In the House it received its first reading.

## CONDUCTOR SHOT BY ROBBERS ON CROWDED CAR

John M. Keith Was Killed by Highwaymen Who Assaulted Motor-man J. Bowes.

### BULLET PIERCED HIS HEART.

Passengers on East St. Louis Suburban Line Unaware That Hold-Up Occurred Until Man Fell.

### WATCH AND MONEY STOLEN.

Three Men Made Their Escape in Darkness After Tragedy and Efforts of Police to Locate Them Have Been Fruitless.

John M. Keith, a conductor on the East St. Louis and Suburban Railroad, was shot and instantly killed by robbers at 11 o'clock last night a few minutes after his car had left Lansdowne, the East St. Louis terminus of the division. The robbers escaped. The robbers attacked the motorman, J. Bowes, and robbed him of \$5 and a gold watch. They did not injure him. The murder was committed in the presence of a dozen passengers, not one of whom realized that robbers were aboard the car.

After leaving Lansdowne the Suburban cars cross the tracks of the B. & O. and the Vandallia railroads. It is necessary for the conductor to flag these crossings.

Yesterday morning the robbers escaped. The robbers attacked the motorman, J. Bowes, and robbed him of \$5 and a gold watch. They did not injure him. The murder was committed in the presence of a dozen passengers, not one of whom realized that robbers were aboard the car.

Keith saw the motorman put his hand on one of the men and thought that he was trying to assist him to board the car. He ran toward the front platform to see that the men got aboard.

That the motorman was scuffling with robbers did not occur to the conductor, else he would not have run toward him. This is the theory the passengers advance.

As Keith reached the front vestibule one of the robbers pointed a rifle at him and fired. The ball pierced Keith's heart.

Prior to the killing the robbers had relieved the motorman of his money and watch. The robbers jumped from the moving car, but the passengers did not pursue them.

W. Mayo, an employee of the company, was on the car, but, like the others, he was not aware of the presence of robbers.

Keith had been a conductor on the road for two years. He was 36 years old and leaves a widow and two children.

He lived in Collinsville, Ill., and formerly worked on the division of the East St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company.

Keith's body was taken to Donohoe's morgue, in East St. Louis.

The motorman gives the following description of the robbers: All were masked, but the face of one of them was slightly visible and showed that he had no mustache or beard. This man was about 5 feet 8 inches in height, wore dark clothes and a black felt hat.

The second robber was 5 feet 6 inches in height and wore a white Fedora hat and dark clothes. His hat and clothing were wet and the right side of his coat and trousers were muddy, indicating that he had fallen.

The third man was about five feet eight inches in height and wore a black soft hat by which the bill was passed. He carried a short-barreled rifle.

It is thought that the men went toward Collinsville.

### WOMAN'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED.

Mrs. James L. Blair Unanimously Chosen President.

At a meeting of the Woman's Club of St. Louis yesterday afternoon Mrs. James L. Blair was unanimously chosen president and the other officers selected were as follows:

Mrs. D. R. Francis, first vice president. Mrs. Julius S. Walsh, second vice president.

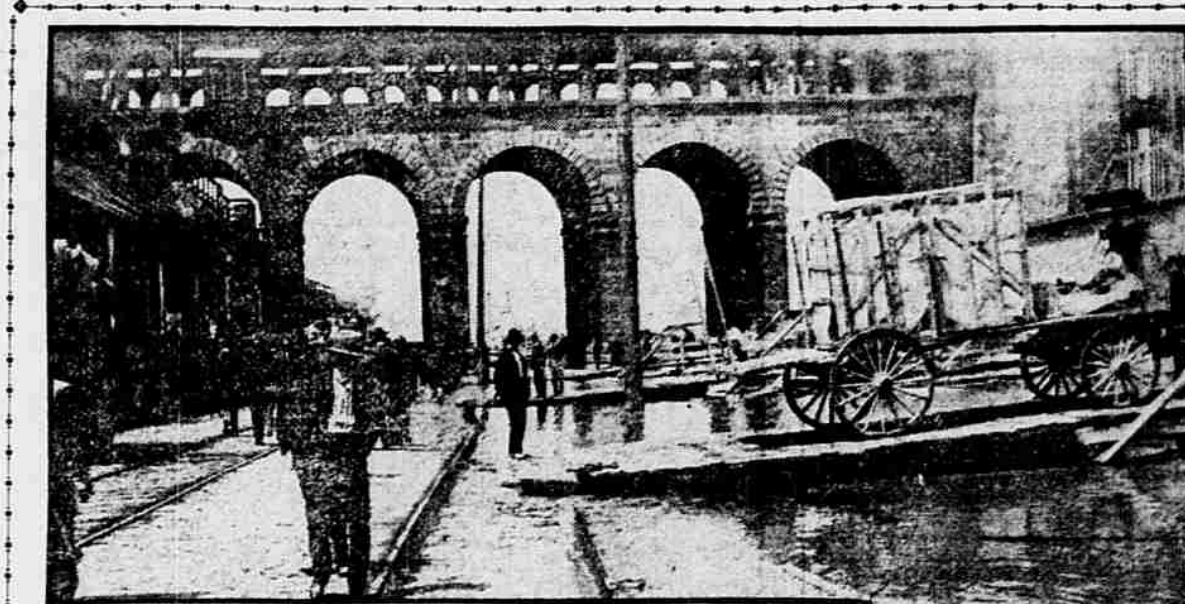
Mrs. W. A. Hardaway, third vice president. Miss L. H. Hodgman, secretary.

Mrs. J. C. Knapp, treasurer. Mrs. J. C. Van Blarcom, Mrs. D. M. Houser, Mrs. T. K. Niedringhaus, Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mrs. E. Mallinckrodt, Mrs. N. B. Gregg, Mrs. W. H. Barnett, Mrs. W. Shoenburg, Mrs. J. D. Davis and Mrs. L. W. Morton, directors.

Several amendments to the constitution, originally proposed, were adopted and the Governing Board will decide upon the question of changing the name.

It is expected that the Shapleigh House on Washington avenue will be chosen as the home of the organization.

## RAILROAD TRACKS SUBMERGED AT EADS BRIDGE.



Shortly after noon yesterday the water reached the danger line and overflowed the Levee, covering the Wabash tracks in several places.

## RIVER PASSES DANGER LINE; FLOOD THREATENS PROPERTY.

Residents of Districts Abutting on River Keep Night Vigil to Save Their Homes From Being Swept Away—Rise of Three Feet Means Many Homeless Families—"Happy Hollow" Is Inundated by Ten Feet of Water—River des Peres Is Swollen and Farmers Are Alarmed.

### COLUMBIA ROCK ROAD UNDER WATER FOR TWO MILES.

Steadily encroaching upon the barriers erected to confine the wayward Mississippi within its bounds, the flooded stream is incessantly pounding against the levees, its appetite for destruction apparently unsatisfied with the havoc it has wrought in Western Missouri and Kansas.

Yesterday morning the river passed the danger line, and yesterday afternoon and night residents of districts on the river front kept constant vigil lest their homes be swept away by the powerful current.

From Baden to Carondelet there was activity from daylight to dark, and late last night many persons were willing to save their property from destruction.

Several houses have been swept away, but so far there have been no casualties reported. In the northern part of the city a rise of three feet means great commercial loss, while an equal rise in the south part means that many families will be homeless. The greatest damage has been wrought in South Carondelet, known as "Happy Hollow." Four houses in this section have been completely cut off from the mainland by water averaging in depth from four to fifteen feet.

These houses are the property of Theodore Shimmil, Tom Murphy and Nicholas Vishart. The latter is still occupying his house, but the other families have been forced to seek shelter among their neighbors.

### SHANTIES ARE SUBMERGED. IN CARONDELET.

Another threatened locality is in the vicinity of Kraus street and the river. There is a colony of negroes at that point, and the taking of some technical testimony in Washington, D. C., and possibly Detroit, Minn.

The lawyers representing Illinois and the Sanitary District of Chicago left the city yesterday afternoon. Special Commissioner Bright of the Supreme Court is still in the city, and will fix his movements to suit the convenience of the Missouri attorneys.

Testimony on the part of Illinois will probably begin in about four weeks. If the shanties are carried out the testimony will be taken on board the Illinois Fish Commission boat in the Illinois River, above Gratiot.

The testimony must be in so far as that Commissioner Bright can hand his report to the Supreme Court on October 12.

### Bryan to Speak at Clinton. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Clinton, Mo., June 2.—The management of the Clinton Chautauqua at Artesian Park has arranged to have W. J. Bryan to lecture on opening day, July 29. General Fitzhugh Lee is to be the featured speaker. Mr. C. L. Beatty, Superintendent of Streets, and Al Prender, a friend.

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He had been gone but a few minutes when a terrific explosion occurred. The men at the entrance were nearly taken off their feet by its force.

Smoke and flames were issuing from the building, but Beatty and Prender ran down the steps. They discovered Edwards lying at the bottom with his clothing afire. They dragged him from the building and carried him home.

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THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:57 AM. THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 1:17.

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## GRANITE CITY'S MAYOR INJURED.

Explosion of Engine at Pumping Station Seriously Hurt John Edwards.

### FIRE SUBSEQUENTLY RESULTED

Companions Who Were Left at Entrance to the Building Nearly Shaken Off Their Feet.

While working to save the Granite City levee, which were threatened by the flood early yesterday morning, Mayor John Edwards of that town was probably fatally injured by an explosion at the city's pumping station.

He was alone in the building at the time of the explosion and when rescued was unconscious. He is at his home in a critical condition.

The pumping station is situated on the levee and is used in cases of emergency to pump the water back into the river when it seeps through the banks. It is equipped

with a thirty-five horse-power gasoline engine, eighteen feet below the water line. Since the high water Mayor Edwards has been preparing the machinery for emergencies and with a force of men was at the station all day Monday.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning he was aroused at his home and notified that the levee were being threatened by the flood. He hurriedly notified C. L. Beatty, Superintendent of Streets, and Al Prender, a friend.

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## Another Republic Record

On Sunday, May 31st, THE REPUBLIC passed all previous St. Louis records for the last Sunday in May by carrying

### 211 Columns of Paid Advertising.

Calculating 300 lines to the column, which is the standard of measurement, the record of total columns of paid advertising for last Sunday was

REPUBLIC	Globe-Democrat	Post-Dispatch	Star
211.35	179.49	176.50	47.20

### ST. LOUIS MERCHANTS' DISPLAY.

Of the the class of advertising known as Local Commercial or St. Louis Merchants' Display Advertising, the record for last Sunday was

REPUBLIC	Globe-Democrat	Post-Dispatch	Star
118.78	85.52	76.12	20.75

### HOME CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Republic by carriers who draw their papers at the office of publication and deliver them at the homes of subscribers in St. Louis is double that of any other St. Louis newspaper. The average total Daily and Sunday circulation of The Republic for the month of May, 1903, was 114,465, which is a greater average than any other St. Louis newspaper furnishes advertisers, was

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